



MODERN
family

A Theology of Singleness

Old Testament mandate: **“Be fruitful and multiply”**

New Testament mandate: **“Go and make disciples”**

Eunuchs for the Kingdom

Matthew 19:10-12 — Some choose not to marry or have children for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Not marrying is a hard thing to accept, but those who can, should.

To be a Eunuch was to have no possibility of family in the world, but to be made family by royalty and by the kingdom.

The Church needs to be living out our calling to be a family for those who do not have families of their own.

Two Different Versions of Awesome, and Hard

- Singleness is not a problem to be solved, or a disease to be cured
- Don't stay in your silo/tribe. Expand your community to include married/singles, young/old.
- How can you invest in the kingdom family?

SMALL GROUP Discussion Questions

Appetizer

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What has been your family experience? How about your experience of Spiritual family?

Entree

1. Read **Matthew 19:1-12**. What verse or idea stands out to you? Why?
2. When the Pharisees point out a specific passage about divorce, looking to follow IT., Jesus zooms out and points to God's greater plan and purpose, and then follows HIM.
 - a. Which approach do you think we tend towards?
 - b. How would our relationships with those who we disagree with change if we pursued God instead of "the rules?"
3. How do you interpret Jesus' statements about marriage and singleness in these passages? Is one better than the other?

Dessert

Break into groups of 3-4 and discuss the following questions with each other.

1. Why do you think people tend to associate with people who are like them? What's the harm in doing this?
2. How can your small group break down silos and start being a spiritual family to people who don't have one?

